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## **PAINT PROTECTION FILM MAINTENANCE**

# **PLEASE READ CAREFULLY**

Directly after the installation of your paint protection film, the film should be allowed to cure. Subsequently, during this time, you may find areas that are hazy or discoloured, and you may also notice bubbles under the film. This is common in all installations and will disappear after the film is fully cured. Approximate cure time would be 30 – 45 days, and varies based on temperatures and humidity.

Your vehicle should not be washed for 72 hours immediately following the installation of your paint protection film which will allow the film edges to dry.

Regular hand washes are recommended, using a high quality liquid based automotive grade soap, water, and a soft microfibre cloth. In order to reduce the risk of damaging the film, and in order to maintain its original gloss, this method is the safest for cleaning the areas covered with film.

Proceeding washes, we recommend that surfaces covered with paint protection film should be protected with a high quality spray wax, such as our Plexus Plastic Cleaner Protectant Polish Finishing Spray. This will provide an extra barrier of protection over the film, reducing the risk of staining and embedded contamination.

Bird droppings, bug stains, tree sap and tar are very problematic for paint protection film. Therefore, they should be removed from the film's surface immediately by saturating the area with a quick detailer, or warm water, to loosen up the stain. Using a soft microfibre cloth, gently remove all of the residue from the area. You may need to re-saturate the area again in order to fully remove the stain. In some instances, an etching or light stain may be visible in the area, generally this bleaches out or disappears after about a week in the sun.

NOTE: When cleaning your film, you should not rub at or use excessive pressure, as this may scratch the film's topcoat. Abrasive sponges, paper towels or regular towels should not be used on your film, as they too may scratch the film.

Petroleum distillates should be avoided on film at all times, as they may cause film to discolour. This includes petroleum based waxes, polishes and all purpose cleaners. Waxes may also contain chemicals such as toluene, kerosene and naphtha, which could cause your film to lose its shine and/or dry out prematurely.

**Failure to properly maintain your film may void your warranty.**

## FAQ

### **Will the Paint Protection Film be noticeable on my vehicle?**

No. Unlike common black vehicle bras and hard plastic bug shields, our product is a clear film with a high gloss that allows the beauty of your vehicle's original paint to show through. During the installation process, we wrap edges wherever possible in order to prevent accumulation of dirt and debris, this also assists in making the installation less visible.

### **Will my vehicle's paint fade differently under the film than it does on the rest of the vehicle?**

No. The film contains an inhibitor which will prevent the plastic from reacting to the sun's UV rays, but this does not prevent the UV rays from passing through the film into your paint. As long as the uncovered portions of the paint are properly maintained with regular washes and wax, there would be no indication that the film was ever installed if it were to be removed.

### **Can the Paint Protection Film be removed?**

Yes. The film can be removed easily and will not damage your vehicle's painted surfaces.

### **Does the Paint Protection Film require special care?**

Please refer to our Paint Protection Film Maintenance section for a detailed outline of our recommended film maintenance.

### **Will film yellow over time?**

The term “yellowing” refers to the film’s discoloration, commonly caused by environmental contamination or use of improper products. It is natural for all urethane to discolour to some degree over time depending on how well the film is maintained. However, with the newer technology films, it would be to a degree that is not noticeable unless under fluorescent lighting. Regular maintenance will ensure your film maintain its original gloss and will assist in protecting it from, and reducing discoloration. Please refer to our Paint Protection Film Maintenance section for a detailed outline of our recommended film maintenance.

### **What is the warranty?**

We provide our clients with a Limited Warranty on installation and products. We warranty our products to be free of product manufacturing defects, bubbling, lifting, fading, and cracking. Failure to properly maintain film may void your warranty.

### **How long will the installation take?**

Installation times vary based on coverage and job complexity.

### **Repainted panels or body parts?**

On a body panel that has been professionally repainted, the recommended cure time is 30 days. This is assuming the repaint is of the highest standard. Unfortunately, we frequently encounter repainted panels that are of poor quality, which can lead to paint being pulled if the film ever needs to be removed.

Thank you for your business. We hope to see you again.

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